

Claims

[c1] What is claimed is:

1. A putting line training aid and aiming/alignment device comprising:

a) a housing, simulating a golf ball on a golf tee, with an internal extendable / retractable line when extended and attached to the corresponding opposing stake defines a reference swing path to the target hole on the putting green;

b) said housing being staked into positioned on an putting green, said putting green providing a surface for putting a golf ball thereon, said golf hole providing a target for putting thereto;

c) said putting line when extended and attached to said opposing stake, positioned at a user defined position from said housing, provides a reference line above said putting surface to said target hole and thereby offering a reference means defining an optimum swing path of a putt aimed at said target hole.

[c2] d) said housing including an internal extendable / retractable line mechanism, the axis of said line when extended and attached to the corresponding opposing

stake is in the vertical plane to said target hole on said putting green;

e) said device is lightweight, portable, and easily assembled and disassembled for rapid storage.

[c3] 2. A putting line aiming/alignment device in accordance with claim 1 wherein said housing stake and opposing stake are placed into said putting green at a depth pre-established by the length of said housing stake and said opposing stake provides stability while in position on said putting green and prevents recoil of said line while in use.

[c4] 3. A putting line aiming/alignment device in accordance with claim 1 wherein said housing consist of an extendable / retractable mechanism that is permanently affixed to the internal component of said housing.

[c5] a) said extendable / retractable mechanism is comprised of a spool and spring coil mechanism allowing for consistent extension and retraction of the said line.

[c6] b) said extendable / retractable line mechanism provides the necessary line tension to prevent the line from sagging when extended.

[c7] c) said extendable / retractable mechanism allows storage of said line internal to said housing.

- [c8] 4. A putting line aiming/alignment device in accordance with claim 3 wherein said extendable / retractable spool and spring coil mechanism comprises a physical line attached to said spool;
- a) said line is composed from a selection of materials to include string, rope, wire, nylon or plastic.
- [c9] b) said line extends above the putting green surface between said target hole and said golf ball to be putted creating a reference line to the target hole.
- [c10] 5. A putting line aiming/alignment device in accordance with claim 4 wherein said reference line is formed by extending the extendable / retractable line from the housing at a direction and distance desired by the user.
- [c11] 6. A putting line aiming/alignment device in accordance with claim 5 wherein when extended and attached to said stake provides a reference line to validate the square at impact alignment of the putter club face to the referenced putting line device and target hole.
- [c12] 7. A putting line aiming/alignment device providing means for practicing proper alignment of a face of a putter club with respect to an optimum swing path of a properly stroked golf ball.

[c13] 8. A putting line aiming/alignment device in accordance with claim 7, wherein said device provides a reference line above said putting surface between said target and said golf ball to be putted.

[c14] 9. A putting line aiming/alignment device is a lightweight and easily portable device that can be rapidly disassembled, stored and carried from the practice green to the course when a golfer is called to the first tee